

1. Discussion Objective:

To obtain direction from Town Council
on mandatory recycling program for businesses.

Work Session Date:

February 7, 2011

2. Submitter of Information:


☐ Council
☒ Town Staff
☐ Town Attorney

3. Estimated Time for this item:

15 minutes.

5. Background:

Staff has analyzed some of the more generally accepted issues concerning mandatory recycling requirements for businesses. We have attached an overview of some of the Pro's and Con's of mandatory recycling.

| Town Manager | Town Attorney | Finance Director | Public Works Director | Community Development Director | Cultural Resources Director | Town Clerk |
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From: Vince Cummings
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 3:42 PM
To: Terry Stewart
Subject: Recycling Practices In Local Area

Mr. Stewart:

Good Afternoon!

Per your request, listed below are current residential and business recycling practices, for other municipalities in Lee County:

- City of Cape Coral: Residential is handled with a separate container.. Business participation is purely voluntary.
- City of Fort Myers: Residential is handled with a separate container. Business participation is mandatory via city or private waste hauler.
- City of Bonita Springs: Residential is handled with a separate container if requested. Businesses and multi-family unit participation is required.
- City of Sanibel: Residential is handled with a separate container if requested. Multi-family [5 or more condo units] is required and commercial is not required.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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Mandatory Recycling for Businesses

| <i>+ Pros +</i> | vs. | <i>- Cons -</i> |
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| Item | | Item |
| Savings-For example, restaurants and bars generate more glass and cardboard, which is cheaper to recycle | | Net benefit may vary by business type |
| Environmental benefits | | Separation of waste streams |
| Reduction in landfill space required, thus saving landfill costs | | Site constraints for locating recycling bins |
| Reduces frequency and storage requirement for regular dumpsters | | Frequency of recycling pick-ups may require more labor |
| 50% of business waste stream may be recyclable | | Educational Program for businesses may be necessary |
| | | Market values of recycled materials may fluctuate |